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In re Application of
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: DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF
: INVENTOR AND REQUEST UNDER
: 37 CFR 1.48(c)
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This is in response to the REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION filed on June 12, 2006 along with the addendum filed on June 23, 2006 pertaining to a Petition Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.183, Requesting Waiver of Requirement 37 CFR 1.64, that Original Inventor (Kelly B. Smith) Execute New Oath or Declaration When New Inventors are Added with Assignee's Consent mailed December 9, 2006. This is also in response to the Request for Correction of Inventorship filed on August 4, 2005.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.183 requesting waiver of 37 CFR 1.64 is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

The papers filed on June 23, 2006 included a Declaration signed by a previously non-signing inventor, KELLY B. SMITH, and therefore is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63. In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under § 1.183 Requesting Waiver of 37 CFR 1.64 is not necessary.

The Request for Correction of Inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(c) is **GRANTED**.

In view of the papers filed on August 4, 2005, it has been found that this nonprovisional application, as filed, through error and without deceptive intent, improperly set forth the inventorship, and accordingly, this application has been corrected in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(c). The inventorship of this application has been changed by the addition of inventors TOM WESTBERG and ROHIT VISHNOI.

This application is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3761 for appropriate action.

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Title

Blood processing systems and methods that employ an in-line, flexible leukofilter

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